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## Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1, 4, 5, 6 and 11-13.

- 1. (Cancelled)
- 2. (Cancelled)
- 3. (Cancelled)
- 4. (Cancelled)
- 5. (Cancelled)
- 6. (Cancelled)
- 7. (Currently Amended) A method of orthodontic anchorage for use as a fixed pushing, pulling or stabilizing point in treating teeth and bite malalignments, said orthodontic system to avoid subperiodontal healing time and ossocointegration for immediate use, the method comprising:
  - (a) providing a flat, rigid body, comprising:

a bendable base having at least one aperture adapted to receive at least one fastener for affixing said base to the bone;

at least one bendable elongated central member planarly extending from said base, the distal end of said central member having a first orthodontic appliance integrally formed thereto and adapted to receive wire for attachment to a second orthodontic appliance attached to a patient's tooth;

- (b) making an incision in the oral soft tissue at the desired placement location to expose the bone on which said base is to be attached;
- (c) securely anchoring and affixing said base to the bone with at lease least one bone fastener not utilizing subperiodontal ossocointegration so that the base contacts the bone

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and the central member extends through the soft tissue of the jaw adjacent a non-occusal surface

of the teeth;

(d) affixing said first orthodontic appliance to at least a second orthodontic

appliance attached to at least one tooth in the patient's mouth using orthodontic wire;

(e) adjusting said wire periodically until teeth or bite malalignment is corrected as

determined by the orthodontist;

(f) after completion of the orthodontic treatment, disconnecting said first

orthodontic appliance from said second orthodontic appliances, making an incision at the

insertion site to reveal the base, unfastening and removing said base, surgically closing the

incision and allowing the incision site to heal.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein said first orthodontic appliance is an

orthodontic wire guide.

9. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein said first orthodontic appliance is an

orthodontic tension band bracket.

10. (Original) The method of claim 7, further including chains, elastics, springs, or

thread connected between said first orthodontic appliance and a second orthodontic appliance

positioned within the patient's mouth.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

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14. (Previously Amended) A method of orthodontic anchorage for use as a fixed,

pushing, pulling or stabilizing point in treating teeth and bite mal-alignments, said orthodontic

system to avoid subperiodontal healing time and ossocointegration for immediate use, the

method comprising the steps of:

providing a substantially flat, thin, rigid bone anchor plate for (a)

anchoring an orthodontic appliance rigidly attached to said bone anchor plate to a patient's bone;

said bone anchor plate having a bendable base and at least one

aperture for receiving a bone anchor fastener for affixing said plate to the patient's bone;

said plate including an elongated central member extending from

said base, the distal end of said central member having a first orthodontic appliance integrally

formed therewith for receiving wire for attachment to a second orthodontic appliance attached to

a patient's tooth;

(b) securely anchoring and affixing said bone plate to the bone with at

least one bone anchor fastener not utilizing subperiodontal ossocointegration so that the base

plate is securely attached to the bone and the central member extends through the soft tissue of

the jaw adjacent a non-occusal surface of the teeth;

affixing said first orthodontic appliance to at least a second (c)

orthodontic appliance attached to at least one tooth in the patient's mouth using orthodontic wire;

(d) adjusting said wire periodically until teeth or bite mal-alignment is

corrected as determined by the orthodontist; and

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(e) after completion of the orthodontic treatment, disconnecting said first orthodontic appliance from said second orthodontic appliance, and removing said base by removing said bone anchor fastener.